## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Agricultural Marketing Department – Sri M. Ramakrishna, former Watchman, A.M.C., Vijayawada and Presently Watchman, A.M.C., Gannavaram Krishna District – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated on certain allegations of corruption practices in collecting mamools from the lorries at Check-post near Gudavalli, Krishna District - Penalty awarded – Revision Petition filed – Revision Petition allowed - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1346

<u>Dated:03-11-2008</u> Read the following:-

- 1. Procgs.No.80/99, dt.31-01-2001 of the Person-in-Charge, AMC, Movva, Kuchipudi
- 2. Procgs.No.XI(A)201/2002, dt.07-10-2002 of the DOM, Hyderabad.
- 3. Govt.Memo No.196/Vig.II(1)/2003-6, dt.17-03-2004.
- 4. From Sri M. Ramakrishna, Watchman, AMC, Gannavaram, Revision Petition, dt.23-02-2008.

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## ORDER:

In a disciplinary case, the Person-in-Charge, A.M.C., Kuchipudi had initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri M. Ramakrishna, former Watchman, A.M.C., Vijayawada and Presently Watchman, AMC, Gannavaram, Krishna District on certain allegations of corruption practices in collecting mamools from the lorries at Check-post near Gudavalli, Krishna District. After following the due procedure, the Person-in-Charge, A.M.C., Kuchipudi awarded a penalty of stoppage of one annual grade increment with out cumulative effect against Sri M. Ramakrishna, former Watchman, A.M.C., Vijayawada and Presently Watchman, A.M.C., Gannavaram, Krishna District.

- 2. In exercise of the powers conferred under section 27 of A.P.(AP&LS) Markets Act, 1966, the Director of Marketing, Hyderabad reviewed the above penalty awarded by the Person-in-Charge, A.M.C., Kuchipudi and concluded the disciplinary proceedings by awarding a penalty of stoppage of four annual grade increments with cumulative effect against Sri M. Ramakrishna, former Watchman, A.M.C., Vijayawada and Presently Watchman, A.M.C., Gannavaram, Krishna District.
- 3. Aggrieved by the above penalty, Sri M. Ramakrishna, Watchman had filed an Appeal Petition before Government. After careful examination of the appeal, Government have rejected the Appeal Petition vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above.
- 4. Sri M. Ramakrishna, Watchman, A.M.C., Gannavaram has submitted a revision petition dt.23-02-2008 stating that he never resorted to the illegal act of collecting illegal gratification from the lorry drivers, whose vehicles passed through that National High Way that during the surprise check conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 16-11-1998, he was having only Rs.20/- out of an amount of Rs.25/- declared by him as personal cash. The contention of the Anti Corruption Bureau that he was collecting mamools from the drivers was totally untruth and they could have seized the amount pertaining to him. He has also submitted that the version of the Anti Corruption Bureau was unfounded in the absence of corroborating statement from the parties and the crime cannot be rubbed on mere presumption or to strengthen their case that it should be proved beyond reasonable witnesses in support of their contention. Finally, he has requested to reconsider the issue and issue orders setting aside the penalty of stoppage of four increments with cumulative effect as ordered by Director of Marketing, Hyderabad, as it is unjustifiable and excessive having effect life long.
- 5. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby consider the revision petition of Sri M. Ramakrishna, Watchman and hereby decide to reduce the penalty of stoppage of four annual grade increments with cumulative effect to that of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri M. Ramakrishna, former Watchman, A.M.C., Vijayawada and Presently Watchman, AMC, Gannavaram Krishna District duly condoning the delay in preferring the revision petition.

- 6. Accordingly, Government hereby reduce the penalty of stoppage of four annual grade increments with cumulative effect to that of stoppage of one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri M. Ramakrishna, former Watchman, A.M.C., Vijayawada and Presently Watchman, A.M.C., Gannavaram Krishna District duly condoning the delay in preferring the revision petition.
- 7. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Hyderabad shall take necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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Sri M. Ramakrishna, former Watchman, A.M.C., Vijayawada and Presently Watchman, AMC, Gannavaram, Krishna District (Through: The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad.

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The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad. Sc/Sf.

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**SECTION OFFICER**